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Mr. Benjamin H. Mann, President
Lafayette Fellowship Foundation, Inc.
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New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Mann:

Many thanks for the program of the
Lafayette Gold Medal Award Dinner in honor
of General Alfred M. Gruenther which you
were so good to send me.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Lafayette Gold Medal Award Dinner

in honor of

General Myron H. Gruenther

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GRAND BALLROOM ★ WALDORF ASTORIA ★ MAY 22, 1958

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Devoted to the cause of liberty, Lafayette, together with many of his fellow citizens, came to our support at a time when we desperately needed aid. On many occasions since, Americans and Frenchmen, side by side, have joined in the defense of their lands and freedom.

We cherish the historic friendship between the Republic of France and the United States of America. This bond adds strength to the foundations of world peace. In the memory of Lafayette, it is a privilege to reaffirm our common devotion to liberty and to pledge anew the friendship he helped establish long ago.

— Dwight D. Eisenhower
President of the United States of America

(From a statement issued August 27, 1957, on the occasion of the Lafayette Bicentennial.)

This soldier of liberty of both our countries and champion of the friendship which unites them remains for us, too, the hero of devotion to the noblest of causes: the cause of the dignity of man.

We do not forget those who, faithful to his example, twice crossed the Ocean, in their turn, under outstanding leaders, to ensure, by their valor, the triumph of liberty.

— René Coty

President of the Republic of France

(From a message sent to President Eisenhower on the occasion of the Lafayette Bicentennial September 7, 1957.)





Alfred W. Gruenther

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Whereas the Lafayette Fellowship Foundation, Inc. is dedicated to the preservation and strengthening of the historic bonds of friendship between the United States and France;

Whereas the Lafayette Fellowship Foundation, Inc. has established two-year scholarships for exceptionally gifted young French students for graduate studies in American universities, out of the conviction that, in the present struggle for men's minds, it is vital that those who are preparing to assume active roles in the social and economic life of France develop a better understanding of America;

Whereas the Lafayette Gold Medal has been established by the Board of Directors of the Lafayette Fellowship Foundation, Inc. to be awarded to that person who, in their opinion, symbolizes the above stated Foundation aims and purposes;

Whereas General Alfred M. Gruenther, in the course of his brilliant career, has discharged the duties of the high offices which he has held in this country and abroad in the finest tradition of democratic friendship;

Be it hereby resolved That the first Lafayette Gold Medal shall be presented to

Alfred M. Gruenther

at the

Lafayette Gold Medal Award Dinner
Grand Ballroom, Waldorf Astoria, May 27, 1958



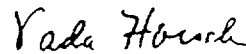
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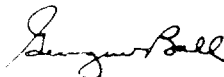
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Philip D. Reed, *presiding*

Invocation

His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman
Archbishop of New York

National Anthem

La Marseillaise

Martial Singher
Metropolitan Opera Association

Dinner

Message

The Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower
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The Honorable René Coty
President of the Republic of France

His Excellency Hervé Alphand
Ambassador of the Republic of France

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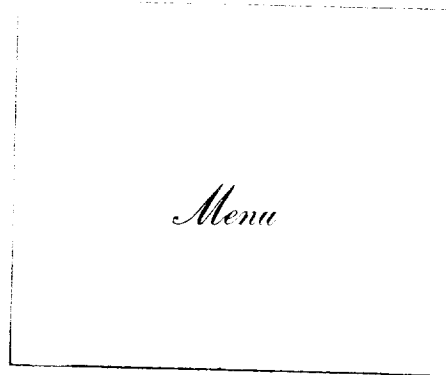
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Philip D. Reed

Response

General Alfred M. Gruenther



Supreme of Fruit Princesse

Hearts of Celery

Ripe and Green Olives

Salted Almonds and Assorted Nuts

Prime Ribs of "Blue Ribbon" Beef au Jus

Champs-Elysees Potatoes

Baby Stringbeans Chasseur

Dessert Glace Fantaisie

Sauce Fraisettes

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This program provides a unique opportunity to perform a service of great value in our own national interest. It carries on the tradition of the Marquis de Lafayette who once said, "Liberty must always be a living thing, never laid away in the archives."

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